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Winter's Stone House and Barn, or the Trimble House
Slabtown

The Trimble House and Barn are the resulting product of three different owners. The barn was constructed by the earliest owner, William Ridgely. The next owner was George Winter who built the stone portion of the house in 1823. The third and final owners were the Trimble family who added a frame addition covered with weatherboard sometime in the latter half of the 19th century. The resulting house is a five bay wide rectangular structure. It is topped by a hipped roof with replaced slate shingles.

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No. A1-V-A-031

Magi No. 0102265304

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Winter's Stone House

and/or common Evergreen, Trimble House & Barn

2. Location

street & number End of Trimble Road on Federal Hill, from Slabtown Intersection not for publicationcity, town Slabtown ☒ vicinity of congressional district Sixth

state Maryland county Allegany

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
	<input type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Virginia Trimble & Marianna Keene

street & number P.O. Rt. #1 Box 12 Evergreens telephone no.: 264-4106

city, town Mount Savage state and zip code Maryland 21545

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Allegany County Courthouse liber #379

street & number 30 Washington Street folio #369

city, town Cumberland state Maryland 21502

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Maryland Historic Trust Inventory AL-22

date ☐ federal ☒ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

Survey No. 12-V-A-021

Condition

☒ excellent
☐ good
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered
☒ altered

Check one

☒ original site
☐ moved date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Trimble House is located to the east of Route 36 at the east end of Trimble Road in the vicinity of Slabtown, north of Frostburg. The house and barn are sited on the side of a steep ridge and face south toward Frostburg. The house known as Evergreen was constructed in two principal stages. The original section is of stone construction, set perpendicular into the hillside. It is two stories high above a full cellar, four bays wide and one room deep, with flush chimneys at each end of the hip roof. This early stone building, believed to date to the 1820's, was enlarged in the late 19th century, probably circa 1887. This addition is of frame construction and extends to the northwest of the original house.

The principal facade of the early stone house faces southeast. There are doors in the first and third bays from the left on the principal floor of this facade, with 2/2 windows in the second and fourth bays. These doors open onto a one-story porch with square posts and decorative brackets that stretches across this facade. On the second story, there is a door in the third bay with two 2/2 windows to the left and one to the right. This door is partially blocked by the roof of the present porch, and suggests that an earlier porch included a second story. A small, pitched roof 2/2 dormer window is centered on the hip roof. The facade wall is constructed of dressed stone with raised mortar joints; the eaves oversail and are boxed in.

The southwest gable wall faces down the hillside, leaving the cellar wall fully exposed although now enclosed by the foundation of a porch that extends across the southwest side of the house. There is a door to the cellar in the left or west bay and a 6/6 window in the right bay of the ground floor, a door opening fitted with paired French doors in the left bay of the principal floor and a 2/2 window in the same position on the second story. The stonework, hip roof and boxed eave on this facade match the front facade. The flush chimney is constructed of brick above the roof.

The northwest wall of the original stone house has been incorporated into the later frame addition. This wall is now pierced by one door on the cellar level, two doors on the principal floor and one door on the second floor. The faint outline of either a stair or the pitched roof of an earlier wing is visible in the plastered finish that now covers the original exterior wall.

On the northeast gable wall of the stone house there are single 2/2 windows in the right or west bay on both the first and second floor. The stonework, hip roof, boxed eave and brick chimney shaft match the southwest gable wall.

The early stone house was enlarged by a frame addition in the late 19th century. According to oral tradition, this addition was built by Winfield Scott Trimble shortly after his marriage on February 2, 1887.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The Trimble House, commonly known as Evergreen, is an excellent example of a large stone house believed to date to the 1820's. The four bay fenestration, two room plan and careful stone construction are associated with a strong building tradition found in Pennsylvania and Western Maryland. Much of the early detail survives inside, including three Federal period mantels and most of the early baseboard and chitrave trim. A curious feature is the lack of evidence of an interior stair in the original section of the house.

The frame section was added circa 1887 and includes a handsome Victorian stair, a marbleized slate Eastlake mantel and a curious crenelated turret on the southwest facade.

Of equal significance to the house is an early frame bank barn on a full stone foundation. The wall and roof framing are particularly interesting and numerous significant features survive, including loose flooring for improved air circulation, a nearly intact stall plan, and hewn log feed troughs.

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7.1 Description (Con't)

The addition served to reorient the enlarged house so that the southwest facade became the principal facade and the original two room plan house became part of a larger center passage plan dwelling. The southwest wall was enlarged from two bays to five bays, with a central entrance in the center bay. This entrance is fitted with double doors with a transom above. There is a French door immediately to the left of the double doors and a projecting bay window to the far left. The three principal facets of the bay window are pierced by 1/1 windows. A French door in the center bay of the second story opens onto the roof of the one story porch; there are two 2/2 windows to the left of the door. The most striking feature of this facade is a crenelated turret that is centered on the enlarged facade and projects up above the eave line. Three 1/1 windows are centered in the south-facing facets of the tower, and the tower and roof are covered with patterned metal sheathing. The first and second story of this facade are sheathed with German siding; the foundation is stone.

A small two story frame addition with a shed roof is centered on the northwest facade, flanked by a single 2/2 window on each floor on each side of the addition. There are no openings on the northwest wall of the addition. Single 6/6 windows on each floor on the southwest wall of the addition appear to replace earlier, larger openings evident from seams in the German siding. On the northeast wall of the addition, there is a door to the extreme left and a 6/6 window to the right on the first floor and a single 6/6 window centered on the second floor. A 2/2 pitched roof dormer window is centered on the northwest pitch of the roof of the main house, looking out over the shed roof addition.

The northeast wall of the enlarged house is five bays wide, with the stone section forming the two east bays. There is a rear door in the center bay of the enlarged facade, with a second door immediately to the right and one 2/2 window to the far right. Three 6/6 windows are ranged across the second story and a pitched roof 1/1 dormer window is centered on the facade. A one story hip roof porch with square, bracketed posts protects both first story doors.

The principal floor of the early stone house was originally divided into two nearly equal rooms, each heated by a gable fireplace. The partition wall between these two rooms was later opened up to form a double parlor. The mantels on these two fireplaces match. They are board surrounds with flat pilasters and plain frieze below molded shelves with cove/astragal and cavetto moldings. Rabbeted baseboard trim and beaded and rabbeted architrave trim survives throughout both rooms. When the parlors were joined the large opening between the two rooms was trimmed with reused and new, matching architrave trim. The Victorian interior doors and the floor were painted and grained in the 1920's by Virginia Trimble. One early paneled door with flattened Greek ogee panel molds survives on the southeast facade. One

7.2 Description (Con't)

curious feature of the original house is the absence of evidence of an interior stair from the first to the second story.

When the frame section was added circa 1887, the original two rooms became the east portion of a full Georgian plan. The center stair passage extends the full depth of the house, with the two original rooms to the right and two additional rooms to the left. The stair rises against the west wall of the passage. It is an open-string stair with a large, turned walnut newel, turned balusters and a heavy rail. The most significant feature of the added section is a marbleized slate mantel with Eastlake details and a cast iron insert in the front or west room on the first floor.

On the second floor, the original stone section is bisected by a narrow center passage with one room on either side. An enclosed stair rises to the floored but unfinished attic. The later frame section includes a hall and four chambers.

The roof is rebuilt using earlier rafters turned upside down. Machine nails were used throughout the building, and the visible lathing on the second floor of the stone section is machine sawn.

The cellar under the stone section consists of a single room with an exposed joist ceiling. The joists are set parallel to the gable walls, and a larger joist marks the location of the first floor partition. There is a large, working fireplace on the southwest gable wall with an unusual mantel. This mantel has three fully raised Federal panels across the frieze below a molded Federal shelf. The chimney base for the northwest chimney projects about 12 inches into the cellar. An original bulkhead entrance at the south end of the southeast facade has been blocked up.

Barn: To the south east of the house is an early frame bank barn with a full stone cellar. This is an extremely fine and carefully preserved barn with numerous interesting features. These include the framing system, the purlin roof, loose laid floors for increased air circulation, the original stall plan surviving on the ground floor, and the hewn log feed troughs. This barn is worthy of detailed recording.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Winter's Stone House

AND/OR COMMON

Evergreens or Trimble House & Barn

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

End of Trimble Road on Federal Hill, from Slabtown Intersection

CITY, TOWN

Slabtown

☒ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Sixth

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Allegany

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT
☒ BUILDING(S)
☐ STRUCTURE
☐ SITE
☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC
☒ PRIVATE
☐ BOTH
PUBLIC ACQUISITION
☐ IN PROCESS
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED
☐ UNOCCUPIED
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS
ACCESSIBLE
☐ YES RESTRICTED
☐ YES UNRESTRICTED
☒ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE ☐ MUSEUM
☐ COMMERCIAL ☐ PARK
☐ EDUCATIONAL ☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE
☐ ENTERTAINMENT ☐ RELIGIOUS
☐ GOVERNMENT ☐ SCIENTIFIC
☐ INDUSTRIAL ☐ TRANSPORTATION
☐ MILITARY ☐ OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Virginia Trimble & Marianna Keene

Telephone #: 264-4106

STREET & NUMBER

P.O. Rt. # 1 Box 12 Evergreens

CITY, TOWN

Mount Savage

☒ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21545

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC

Allegany County Courthouse

Liber #: 379

Folio #: 369

STREET & NUMBER

30 Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Cumberland

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION☐ EXCELLENT☒ GOOD☐ FAIR☐ DETERIORATED☐ RUINS☐ UNEXPOSED**CHECK ONE**☒ UNALTERED☐ ALTERED**CHECK ONE**☒ ORIGINAL SITE☐ MOVED

DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Evergreens or Trimble House is located off Route 36 North, near Slabtown, Allegany County at the end of the Trimble road beginning from the intersection in Slabtown.

The old house consists of a two and a half story five bay wide rectangular block. A two story wing abuts the main facade on the northwestern side and features a shed roof. The earliest portion of the house is constructed of stone with rubble bond and is four bays wide. A frame addition, which is covered with weatherboard, has been added to the original stone portion and is three bays long. The entire facade is supported by a low stone foundation and includes a plain water table. The roof of the principal facade is hipped, surrounded by soffit, and is covered with replaced slate shingles. Windows in the building include double hung wooden sash frames with one-over-one, two-over-two, and six-over-six lights with plain trim. On the roof line of the house are three gabled dormers, and located centrally is one semi-circular dormer with battlements. The main entrance to the building is located on the front southwestern face and exhibits double French doors with transom and transom lights. The entrance is covered by a one story wrap around porch with hipped roof supported by square columns. Five corbeled brick chimneys, which appear to be original, are located on the flush ends of structure.

The Trimble house is structurally very sound and restoration work has been in keeping with the original appearance of the structure.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD

☐ PREHISTORIC
☐ 1400-1499
☐ 1500-1599
☐ 1600-1699
☐ 1700-1799
☒ 1800-1899
☐ 1900

☐ ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC
☐ ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC
☐ AGRICULTURE
☒ ARCHITECTURE
☐ ART
☐ COMMERCE
☐ COMMUNICATIONS

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

☐ COMMUNITY PLANNING
☐ CONSERVATION
☐ ECONOMICS
☐ EDUCATION
☐ ENGINEERING
☐ EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT
☐ INDUSTRY
☐ INVENTION

☐ LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE
☐ LAW
☐ LITERATURE
☐ MILITARY
☐ MUSIC
☐ PHILOSOPHY
☐ POLITICS/GOVERNMENT

☐ RELIGION
☐ SCIENCE
☐ SCULPTURE
☐ SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
☐ THEATER
☐ TRANSPORTATION
☐ OTHER (SPECIFY)

SPECIFIC DATES 1823**BUILDER/ARCHITECT****STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

The Evergreens or Trimble house is an excellent example of the practical colonial era style of architecture. The original portion of the house, the stone portion, was built in 1823 by George Winter for the purpose of a residence. William Ridgely, the original owner had constructed a log structure on the present site and had also constructed a large barn which is still standing on the property. The present owners of the property, the Trimble family, have owned the site for over one hundred years and have kept the building in near original appearance.

The house is in good condition and is a cultural reminder of the more fashionable style of housing found in Allegany County in the early nineteenth century.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Allegany County Land Records, Cumberland, Maryland

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 156 acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

John E. Nelson, Program Coordinator of All. Co. Historic Sites

ORGANIZATION

Allegany County Historic Sites Survey

DATE

5/27/76

STREET & NUMBER

10 Park Lane

TELEPHONE

689-8486

CITY OR TOWN

Frostburg

STATE

Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

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Trimble House or Evergreens

End of Trimble Road - from Intersection in Slabtown

HISTORICAL CHAIN OF TITLE

Allegany County - Deed - Liber 31, Folio 247

grantee: Joseph A. Trimble and Trimble descendants until present time

grantor: George and Sarah Winter

April, 1870

Allegany County - Deed - Liber L, Folio 353

grantee: George Winter

grantor: William Ridgely

April 6, 1822

Ridgely original owner

INVENTORY NO. A1-V-A-031

Liber- 379

DATE: 5/24/76

Folio-369

- REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minor

156. Acres

NAME OF PROPERTY: Evergreen or Trimble HouseLOCATION OF PROPERTY: End of Trimble Road - In Slabtown IntersectionDIRECTION DWELLING FACES: SouthwestNAME OF OWNER: Virginia Trimble + Marianna Keene + Donald KeeneADDRESS: P.O. Rt #1 Box 12Mt. Savage 21545

2 1/2 STORIES: 1() 2(✓) 3() 4() 5() 6() BAYS: 1() 2() 3() 4(✓) 5(✓) 6() 7() ()

WINGS, ADDITIONS: Frame Addition to Stone Structure
Tower Dornier - With BattlementsDwelling Shape: (square, cross, rectangular)

WALL CONSTRUCTION:

- (✓) FRAME: Bevel, clapboard, weatherboard wood shingles, board & batten (type?)
() BRICK: Bond type- common, English, Flemish. Sketch variants.
(✓) STONE: Bond type- rubble ashlar (random or regular), quoins-plain, rusticated
() LOG
() Other: Coverings

WALL FEATURES: BELT COURSE, PILASTER, OTHERS PlainFOUNDATIONS: HIGH LOW, BRICK, STONEWATER TABLE: NONE, PLAIN, BEVELLED, MOULDED BRICKWINDOWS, TRIM, SHUTTERS: 1/1(✓) 2/2(✓) 6/6(✓) 9/6() 9/9() other()
pegged() nailed() wide() narrow() mitred() pediment()ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION: Southwest
HARDWARE: original(✓) replaced(✓) Double Doors
FAN LIGHT, TRANSOM, SIDE LIGHTS, PLAIN Transom Lights
Paneled, Verticle Horizontal BoardsCORNICE, BARGE, EAVES: (crown, fascia, soffit, bed)
original(✓) replaced() Rafter Ends, Modillions, Dentils, Frieze, ArchitraveROOF: GABLE FRONT, GABLE FLANK, HIP, SHED, HANGARD, GAMBRILL, FLAT, FORMERS # 3 + Tower
MATERIAL: wood shingles, slate, tin, asphalt original() replaced(✓)PORCHES: SHAPE OF ROOF - shed() hip(✓) gable() Wrap AroundCHIMNEYS: NUMBER 5 BRICK(✓) STONE() CORBELLED(✓) original(→) replaced()
LOCATION: Flush end(✓) Inside end() Outside end() Central() Interior()ARCHES: Door and window: Keystone, Flat, Segmental, Semicircular

COMMENTS:

Use - Residence
Significance - Arch.
Date Constructed - Early 19th Century
Condition - Good

Key points regarding interior architecture.

1. Floor plan

No through hall--How many rooms long and deep?
Where is stairway? Straight or winding?

With through hall--Rooms on both sides? How many?

Rooms on one side only? How many?

Is stair in through hall?

Open or enclosed? Straight--one run. Straight--landing

How many? Curved.

If not in hall, where is stair?

2. Wall finish: plaster, paneled, board partition

Note presence of chair rail, cornice, etc.

3. Fireplaces: How many? Parallel to walls or diagonal in corner?

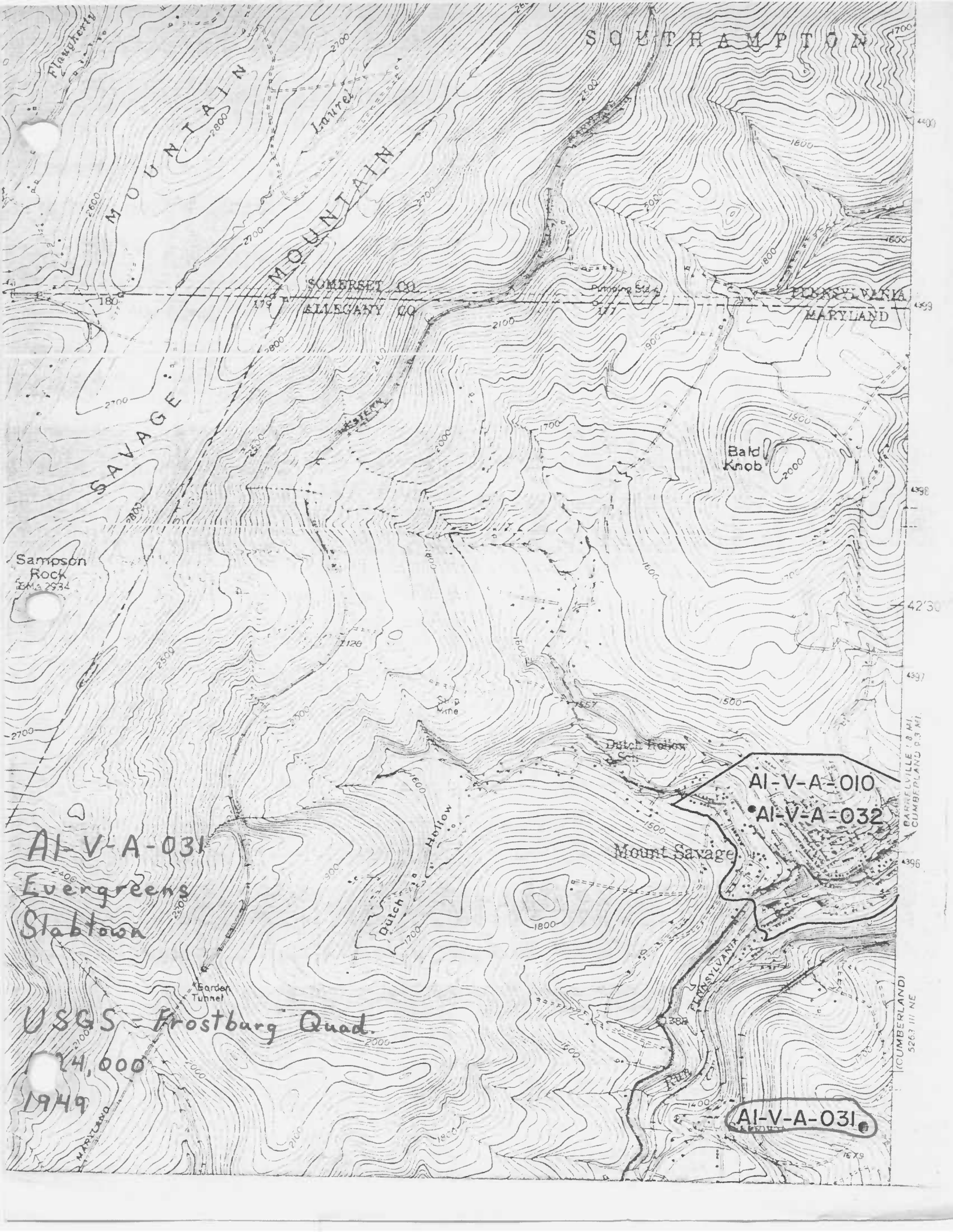
Mantels: wood--mouldings, pilasters, columns
masonry--marble(what color?), brick

3. Doors: on the inside of exterior doors, note the presence of applied flush boards and their direction (diagonal, vertical, horizontal). In general are doors paneled or ledge or other?

4. Door and window trim: plain, architrave; fluted, reeded; pilasters

5. Kitchen: Where is original if extant or known (marked by very large fireplace)? Separate building; wing to principal dwelling; within principal dwelling? On which floor of any of the above?

6. Note presence of hearth (if any) and any hidden hearth or fireplace.



SOUTHAMPTON

MOUNTAIN

MOUNTAIN

SOMERSET CO
ALLEGANY CO

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MARYLAND

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Rock
Elev 2534

Bald
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Evergreens
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Dutch Hollow
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Mount Savage

Garden
Tunnel

Dutch
Hollow

Abflow

USGS - Frostburg Quad

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PARTVILLE 8 MI.
CUMBERLAND 9.3 MI.

(CUMBERLAND)
5263 III NE



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West



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